

Summary

This thesis on the topic of criminal aspects of Child Abuse is trying comprehensively to introduce the issue of child abuse primarily in association with CAN Syndrome. Child abuse is very dangerous social phenomenon, mainly because the victim is child who is considered to be defenceless and trusting being. The Child Abuse and Neglect Syndrome has several forms of abuse and that is what makes it even harder to discover and early intercept not just for uninitiated society but even for specialists. The expert knowledge of this issue is still behind to where it should be. That also reflects on the legislation. Even though it is trying to deal with this problem there are still certain shortcomings, which should be improved. This thesis is divided into six chapters.

First chapter concentrates on the term CAN Syndrome itself and on its evolution. It also includes statistics on victims of different forms of CAN Syndrome.

Second chapter contains single types of child abuse and forms in which they can be manifested and observed by the environment.

The third chapter deals with the offenders in different types of child abuse. What might be their characteristics and what life situation could lead them to commit criminal act.

The fourth chapter is devoted to the victims of single types of child abuse, their physical and mental qualities which could lead to the fact that the offender selects them as his victims. It also contains risk factors which can lead to child abuse, consequences of child abuse and possible prevention.

Chapter five is an important chapter because it concentrates on the regulation of Child Abuse from the constitutional, criminal, social and international law point of view. In view of the fact that this thesis is called criminal aspects of the Child Abuse it is obvious that the biggest part of this chapter is devoted to the Criminal Legislation of this phenomenon.

The sixth chapter shows my personal thoughts on this matter from the legislative point of view, precautions, or possible measures which should be taken so the latency decreases so that the help to the victims becomes more considerate and more effective.